

**Request Details**

Status : Assignment Determination Due Date : 09/08/2015



Submitted Evaluation Assignment Processing Closed

Tracking Number : EPA-R8-2015-009712

Submitted Date : 08/07/2015

Requester : Dan Elliott

Perfected Date : 08/10/2015

Organization : Associated Press

Last Assigned Date : 08/10/2015

Requester Has Account : Yes

Fee Limit : \$100.00

Email Address : delliott@ap.org

Request Track : Simple

Phone Number : 303-825-0123

Due Date : 09/08/2015

Fax Number : N/A

Assigned To : Ecosystems Protection and  
Remediation

Address : 1120 Lincoln St.

Last Assigned By : Alan Engels (Region 8)

Suite 901

City : Denver

State/Province : CO

Zip Code/Postal Code : 80203

**Submission Details****Request Handling**Requester Info Available to Yes  
the Public :

Request Perfected : Yes

Perfected Date : 08/10/2015

Request Track : Simple

Acknowledgement Sent Date:

Fee Category : Media/Educational

Unusual Circumstances ? : No

Fee Waiver Requested: Yes

5 Day Notifications: No

Fee Waiver Status: Pending Decision

Litigation : No

Expedited Processing Yes

Requested :

Expedited Processing Status : Pending Decision

**Request Description**

Short Description : N/A

1. Planning and design documents for entering the Gold King Mine in La Plata County, Colorado, to investigate whether and how to pump wastewater out of the mine for cleanup and disposal.
2. Any risk assessments drawn up for entering the Gold King Mine.
3. Any EPA guidelines and/or requirements for safety measures, planning and designing entry into inactive mines for the purposes of cleanup activities.
4. The name of the on-site supervisor for the planned entry into the Gold King Mine, which resulted in a blowout on Aug. 6, 2015.
5. The name of the company or companies that provided contract labor, equipment or other services for the planned entry into the Gold King Mine.

Description Available to the No  
Public :Has Description Been No  
Modified?

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**Attached Supporting Files**

No supporting files have been added.

**Case File**

Direct URL : <http://localhost:8080/foia/action/public/view/request/80860b37>

**Case Details**

Type of Case : FOIA

Received Date : 08/10/2015

Fiscal Year : 2015

Clock Initially Started On : 08/10/2015

Total Days Pending : 0

**Case Responsive Records**

No records have been uploaded.

**Consultations**

No consultations have been added.

## Correspondence to Requester

One item found.

Subject	From	To	Date	Detail	Remove
FOIA Request EPA-R8-2015-009712 Submitted	System	Dan Elliott	08/07/2015		<input type="checkbox"/>

This message is to confirm your request submission to the FOIAonline application: [View Request](#). Request information is as follows:

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## Other Correspondence

No correspondence has been added.

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**Appeals**

No appeals have been filed.

**Invoice**

Total Amount Billed Which Has Been Sent To Requester: \$0.00  
Invoice will not be stored until close out process has begun.

**Payments**

Total Amount Owed: \$0.00

No payments to display.

**Restricted Materials**

No restricted materials have been added.

## **Admin Costs**

### **Entries**

No entries have been added.

## Assigned Tasks

Outcome	Assigned To	Assigned By	Date Sent	Due Date	Closed Date	Notification	Detail
Pending	HQ	Alan Engels	08/10/2015	08/20/2015			

*Description : Expedited Processing Task*

*Comments : This request concerns a matter of urgency. The information sought relates to a currently unfolding story, specifically, the release of wastewater bearing heavy metals into the Animas River. Second, delaying release of the information harms the public interest in knowing what actions were taken before the blowout at the Gold King Mine. Third, the request obviously concerns federal government activity, as the request seeks information on how the EPA planned the entry into the Gold King Mine. Finally, as the world's oldest and largest news organization, the AP is a credible requester. I certify that my statements concerning the need for expedited review are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. If you deny expedited processing, I expect to receive a response to the request within 20 business days, as the statute requires.*

Pending HQ Alan Engels 08/07/2015 08/07/2015

*Description : Fee Waiver Task*

*Comments : I am making this request as a reporter with The Associated Press and this request is made as part of newsgathering and not for commercial use. As a representative of the news media I am only required to pay for the direct cost of duplication after the first 100 pages. I ask that you waive any and all applicable fees associated with this request. Through this request, I am gathering information on the accidental release of wastewater into the Animas River during an attempt by an EPA-supervised crew to enter the mine. Release of this information is in the public interest because it will contribute significantly to public understanding of government operations and activities, particularly how the EPA plans and executes cleanup operations and investigations at inactive mines.*

## **Comments (0)**

No comments have been added.

**Assigned Reviewers**

No reviewers have been assigned.